

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

**Inventor** : **Zubok et al.**  
**Application Serial No.** : **Not Yet Assigned**  
**Application Filing Date** : **Herewith**  
**Title of Invention** : **CERVICAL DISC  
REPLACEMENT**  
**Examiner** : **Not Yet Assigned**  
**Art Unit No.** : **Not Yet Assigned**  
**Attorney Docket No.** : **532/2x6 (F-280 Cont. V)**

**INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT**

Commissioner of Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

Applicant respectfully submits this Information Disclosure Statement pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.56, 1.97 and 1.98 in order to comply with the duty of disclosure. The enclosed Form PTO-1449 identifies the references of which Applicant is aware.

As this present application is a continuation application under 35 U.S.C. §120, no copies of the information are included herein.

The Examiner is respectfully requested to consider the references herein and make them of record in the subject application. It is Applicant's position that the references cited

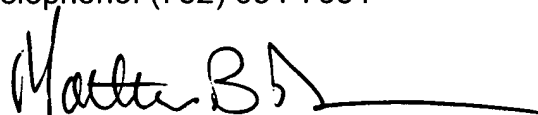
pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.56, 1.97 and 1.98 are clearly not a bar to allowance of the claims in this application.

Respectfully submitted,

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